

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels non-elected claims 15-20 without prejudice. Thus, claims 1-15 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

Claims 1-14 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 34-38 of Applicants' own U.S. Patent No. 6,554,198 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,264,111 to Nicolson et al.

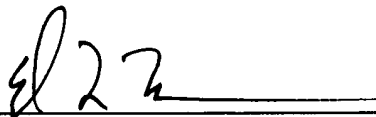
Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer and requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d), which is believed to obviate this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-14 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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